

MINUTES OF THE
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2010, 2:00 P.M.
Room 30, House Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present: Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair
Rep. John Dougall, Co-Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Daniel R. Liljenquist
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. David Litvack

Members Excused: Sen. Margaret Dayton
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

Staff Present: Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Stephen Jardine, Fiscal Analyst
Ernest Hayes, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Alan Ormsby, Director Division of Services for People with Disabilities
Mark Ward, Deputy Director Human Services
Jennifer Gardner, President UFAPA
Nikki MacKay, Utah Foster Care Foundation, Retention
Kelly Peterson, Utah Foster Care Foundation
Vickie Goodman, The Journey Utah County
Talon Greef, Utah Youth Village
Shanna Draper, President of Private Providers Association
Eric Bjorkland, Director of Utah Youth Village
Joyce Dolcourt, Vice Chair LCPD
Josephine Mecille, mother
Kelly Holt, UDDC
Sherri Dial, UDDC
Karlee English, mother
Chris Adams, father
Susan Greer, mother
Jennifer Kuhn, mother
Ederr Soriano, UDDC
Tom Brownlee, advocate consultant
Kasey Mitchell, occupational therapist
Brook Wilson, Regional Coordinator GAP
Andy Curry, Tri-County Independent Living Center
John Prescott, Tri-County Independent Living Center
Josh Rhese, Tri-County Independent Living Center
Colin Coker, TURN Community Services
Courtland Low, TURN Community Services

Wilson Miller, group home coordinator with TURN
Eddie Funj, TURN Community Services
Marc Christenson, President of UACS
Amanda Wilhelm, mother
Billie Jo Peterson, mother
Christina Collins, mother
Mary Paulsen, mother
John Kirton, father
Cheryl Smith, President of Autistic Council of Utah
Dallin Cotterell, parent
Richard Watson, Chairman of Gov. Affairs Autism Council of Utah
R. Dean Robinson, MRAU
Christina Collins, parent
Sherri Wittwer, Executive Director NAMI
Rebecca Glather, Assistant Director NAMI
Robyn Emery, Utah Family Coalition
Kim Haws, Criminal Justice NAMI
Chandra Fenwick, NAMI
Wendy Mair, NAMI
Liz Felt, NAMI.
Kerri Ernesten, NAMI
Lori Cerar, Allies with Families
Jackie Myer, parent
Robert Walton, Advocacy Director with USARA
Mindy Shaw, parent
Sheila Walsh McDonald, SL Community Action

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Dougall at 2:09 p.m.

2. Department of Human Services

Stephen Jardine, fiscal analyst, introduced his presentation of the Department of Human Services by explaining the various budget briefs to be reviewed. Mr. Jardine noted that the final financial sheet in the brief was in three parts and represented three different ways to look at what the Department of Human Services is. The top part explains how the department is funded. The middle part shows line items that make up Human Services. The bottom part represents the summary accounting codes for the way the state does its accounting.

Mr. Jardine responded to committee questions on changes in the budget and fees. Mr. Jardine explained that the recovery services processing fee is charged to the custodial parent, and is a processing fee used to help cover costs incident to child support collections.

Office of Recovery Services

Stephen Jardine, fiscal analyst, referred to the budget brief entitled Department of Human Services - Office of Recovery Services and reviewed various items for the committee. Mr. Jardine

explained that the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) is responsible for collecting funds owed to the state in the Department of Human Services and medical assistance areas.

Mr. Jardine responded to a question regarding attorneys working under the \$4 million contract with the Office of the Attorney General (AG) and double dipping explaining that the state funding was appropriated to ORS but then contracted over with the AG.

Division of Services for People with Disabilities

Mr. Jardine reviewed the division's budget brief for the committee and noted that this division is charged with assisting individuals with disabilities. The division is divided into three regions. The division is requesting two items from the Legislature: 1) \$1.7 million in General Fund, and 2) \$4.4 million in federal Medicaid funds to pay for required additional needs of individuals as a condition of participation in the Medicaid waiver programs.

Executive Director Operations and Internal Service Funds

Mr. Jardine reviewed these items and directed the committee's attention to the corresponding reports. The Executive Director Operations line item includes the Department Director's Office as well as bureaus that serve other divisions in the department or otherwise provide administrative support. Mr. Jardine also noted that the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council is included in this line item. He explained a piece of intent language needed to formalize a transaction.

Mr. Jardine also provided the committee with a brief explanation of internal service funds.

Federal Funds and Intent Language Follow-up from Prior Year

Mr. Jardine explained the statutory requirement for the legislative fiscal analyst to submit a federal funds request summary for each agency to the legislative appropriations sub-committee responsible for the funds. The statute allows for the acceptance or non-acceptance of federal funds.

Mr. Jardine also went over the brief that summarizes all of the intent language for the Department for Human Services that was passed last year and which also includes an agency response.

Committee questions regarding federal funds were addressed by Mr. Jardine.

3. Department of Human Services - Response

Alan Ormsby, Director of the Division of Services for People with Disabilities, provided the committee with an overview of the financial and program situation in the Division of Services for People with Disabilities. The division provides limited services to people with disabilities through three Medicaid waivers. Mr. Ormsby spoke about FY 2010 reductions and the division's principled approach aimed at: 1) protecting services, 2) protecting employee livelihood and 3) preparing for a future of reduced budgets. Mr. Ormsby noted that budget reductions were implemented through a re-engineering of the division that included freezing hiring, closing eight offices, and cutting 122 positions from state and regional offices. He also re-emphasized the division's guiding principle of preserving services to clients.

Committee questions on rate cuts were addressed by Mr. Ormsby and Mark Ward, Deputy Director of Human Services. Mr. Ormsby also went through a series of cost saving measures being contemplated by the division.

Mr. Ormsby responded to a committee question on office closures around the state. Sen.

Liljenquist stated that, from a policy perspective, he hopes to be able to preserve as much service as possible despite the current budget reductions.

A committee question regarding service cuts at the Developmental Center was addressed by Mr. Ormsby.

4. Open Public Comment Regarding Health and Human Services

The committee next heard public testimony from a variety of organizations and individuals regarding budget reductions in Health and Human Services.

Jennifer Gardner, President of Utah Foster Adoptive Families Association began public testimony and addressed the committee.

Nikki MacKay, UFCF Retention, addressed the committee.

Kelly Peterson, Utah Foster Care Foundation, addressed the committee.

Vicki Goodman, private provider for DCFS, addressed the committee.

Talon Greef, Utah Youth Village, addressed the committee.

Shanna Draper, President of Private Providers Association, addressed the committee.

Eric Bjorkland, Director of Utah Youth Village addressed the committee.

Joyce Dolcourt, Vice Chair for Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities, addressed the committee.

Josephine Mecille, mother, addressed the committee.

Kelly Holt, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, addressed the committee.

Sherri Dial, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, addressed the committee.

Karlee English, mother of Jazmin, addressed the committee.

Chris Adams, father of Cora, addressed the committee.

Susan Greer, mother, addressed the committee.

Jennifer Kuhn, mother, addressed the committee.

Ederr Soriano, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, addressed the committee.

Tom Brownlee, advocate consultant, addressed to the committee.

Kasey Mitchell, occupational therapist, addressed the committee on behalf of his patient.

Brook Wilson, Grassroots Advocacy Partnership, addressed the committee.

Andy Curry, Tri-County Independent Living Center, addressed the committee.

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Sheila Walsh McDonald, SL Community Action, addressed the committee.

Public comment concluded after Mrs. Walsh's testimony.

MOTION: Co-Chair Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Dougall adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Ernest Hayes, Secretary

Sen. Allen Christensen, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. John Dougall, Committee Co-Chair